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Via U.S. Mail To:

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RE: <u>Public Records Act Request</u>

Dear Ms. Redden:

This letter is in response to your correspondence submitted to and received by the Department of Justice on January 17, 2019, requesting records under the Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.). For the reasons set forth below, this office is extending the date for responding to your request to February 11, 2019.

Agencies are permitted to extend the date for responding to a public records request for fourteen days beyond the original ten-day deadline under specified circumstances. (Gov. Code, § 6253, subd. (c).) As your request was received by this office on January 17, 2019, the time established for the original response is January 28, 2019. Fourteen days beyond this date is February 11, 2019.

Agencies may invoke the extension for several reasons, which may be summarized as follows:

- 1. The need to search for and collect records from field offices or other facilities that are separate from the office processing the request.
- 2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are demanded in a single request.
- 3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.

(Gov. Code, § 6253, subd. (c).)

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In this instance, an extension is needed to coordinate the response with different sections in the department that have responsibility for the requested records.

Sincerely,

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